

The Search Session 3: Mess Up and Made Right

Zoom Meet Up Edition For Older Kids

When you can't meet together physically

Preparation:

- Download the Zoom app on your Desktop. Practice a zoom call with another adult to make sure you understand how it works.
- You will need to put any PowerPoint images on to a Powerpoint and then have it ready to show whilst you load Zoom.
- Don't forget that as the host you can share your screen with your kids for when you need to share the PowerPoint image or a song. You can learn how to screen share [here](#).
- For guidelines on how to use Zoom appropriately check out [this article](#).

BIG IDEA: GOD CLEANS UP MY MESS

SONG AND BIBLE STORY VIDEO IDEAS available on our [Pinterest Board](#).

GAME IDEAS:

The Search is On! ([regular/widescreen](#)) (another scavenger hunt with a twist) Kids must look up the Bible verse in their Bible to find what object to look for. Or you could read the Bible verse and help them work it out first, depending on your group.

1. Genesis 40:11 (cup)
2. 1 Samuel 4:13 (chair)
3. 2 Samuel 13:9 (pan)
4. John 6:35 (loaf of bread)
5. Job 9:30 (soap)
6. Isaiah 14:23 (broom)
7. Exodus 39:37 (lamp or candle)

I Put _ in Gru's Mom's (Mum's) Bag. The first player starts with saying the name of the game and adding an item such as 'I put a book in Gru's mum's (mom's) bag.' The second player would then repeat the first persons phrase but add their own item: I put a book and a cup in Gru's mom's (mum's) bag. This goes on until everyone has added an item. If someone messes up they are eliminated from the game and must help listen out for anyone else that messes up. The last player remaining is the winner.

If playing with a small group, everyone has more than one turn. If playing in a large group you may need to speed it up and make sure that those taking too long are also eliminated from the game (to stop it getting boring!)

BIG VERSE: "I love all who love me. Those who search will surely find me." Proverbs 8:17 (NLT)

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SET the Scene:

Read **John 21:15-25**.

REVIEW QUESTIONS:

1. How many times does Jesus ask if Peter loves him? (three)
2. What does he tell Peter to do each time? (feed/look after his sheep/lambs)
3. How does Peter feel when Jesus asks him for a third time? (upset)
4. Why did Jesus talk to Peter about 'stretching out his hands'? (Peter would die)
5. Then what did Jesus say? (Follow me)
6. Why did Peter ask about the disciple Jesus loved? (he wanted to know if he would die in the same way)
7. What was Jesus' reply? (It doesn't matter what others must do. You follow me)
8. If all that Jesus did was written down, where would it fit? (even the whole world would not have enough room in any books)

SPOT the Simple Meaning:

OBJECT LESSON: MY MESS MADE RIGHT

You will need to use two clean white shirts and some messy sticky food such as peanut butter, chocolate spread or jam (jelly).

Say: Woah! Peter really messed up, didn't he?! I know I've messed up before. Have you ever messed up? [wait for feedback] What I mean is, when we do something our own way and not God's way. Perhaps we do something selfish or something that hurts others. We haven't pleased God. I know I have done that many times. We all mess up.

You know, when we were created, we were made to be pure, just like this white tshirt right here [show white tshirt]. A minute ago you said that you mess up and I said that I mess up. Any time we do, say or think something we shouldn't our pureness gets messed up. [start splatting food onto the tshirt].

Sin is anything we think, do or say that is wrong and it messes everything up! People always get hurt when we mess up.

When we do something wrong we get punished. When I was little I got punished. Have you ever been sent to your bedroom when you have done something wrong? The Bible says that everyone has done wrong and 'fallen short of God's glory'. That means that God is perfect - just like my white tshirt was before. It didn't have anything wrong with it. But none of us are perfect.

We learned today that Peter really messed up, but we also learned that he was made right by Jesus. And when we mess up we can be made right by Jesus too. [take off your stained tshirt] You see, Jesus came to the earth to live a perfect life. He was the only one that could because, as John 3:16 tells us He was and is God's Only begotten Son. He came to the earth as fully God and fully man! So he was able to live a perfect life, never doing anything wrong (2 Cor 5:21), yet he was a man and still experienced pain (on the cross) and hunger (Mark 11:12) just like us.

Now, because he was God and without sin, Jesus was the only one able to take the punishment for the wrong we have done. As Acts 4:12 says, "Jesus is the only One who can save people. No one else in the world is able to save us." That's because the Bible says the punishment for doing wrong - sinning - is death (Romans 6:23) and so Jesus was the only one able to die for us - to take our place.

[put on a new clean white one.] Jesus took our place and our punishment so that we can be pure, holy and friends of God. Jesus forgave Peter when he messed up and Jesus will forgive you if you ask Him too! He has made a way for us to follow Him, all we need to do is invite Him to be the master and Lord of our lives - the one in charge, He will make right our messes when we choose to follow Him.

SEARCH the Scriptures:

Children will need a Bible or to bring up biblegateway website to find the Bible verses. You will need the Bible verses about sin printable from the main lesson plan.

Old School (Gru's Mom's/Mum's) Bible Drill. Read a verse reference out loud and invite the children to race to find it first and read it. Give a point to the child when they win. The child with the most Bible verses first at the end is the winner.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is sin?
2. How serious is our sin to God?
3. Do you think anyone can 'get away' with sin?
4. Why does God deal with sin so seriously?
5. How might we be made right with God, even though we sin?
6. How did Jesus defeat sin and death?
7. What can we do to be forgiven of our sin?
8. How have you been forgiven? In what ways?

SENSE How You Feel:

How does it feel to mess up?

How does it feel to know God makes things right?

1. **For minion craft ideas check out our [Pinterest Board](#).**
2. **Make** the Jesus and Peter craft scene by printing the printables and attaching the characters to Popsicle sticks. Then cut a line through the sandy beach and thread the people through to make your popsicle puppet theatre.
3. **Build:** a beach scene using Lego or building blocks or create the words 'Mess Up' then 'Made right' using the same materials.
4. **Mould:** the characters Peter and Jesus out of playdough or clay. Try to show the face of Peter to show how he might have been feeling.

5. **Fill in/Color** the activity sheets for 5-7s and 8-11s.

SEEK God:

1. Invite the children to ask Jesus for forgiveness for when they have done wrong. If doing this for the first time, ask them if they want to ask Jesus to be the Lord of their life.